

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21 as follows:

One aspect generally relates to a system, comprising a plurality of truss  
5 spans. Each truss span includes at least three chords in a generally parallel  
orientation with respect to each other, where adjacent parallel ~~ends~~ chords form a  
face such that the at least three chords form at least three faces. Each truss span also  
includes a web connecting two adjacent parallel chords for at least two of the at  
least three faces. At least one of the three faces has two adjacent parallel chords  
10 connected by two structural end brackets. The plurality of truss spans has a tapered  
profile and a stacked configuration where a first truss span nests inside of a second  
truss span when the first truss span is inserted between the two structural end  
brackets of the second truss span.

15 Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1 as follows:

One aspect relates to a joint system for joining truss spans having truss  
chords where at least a portion of the truss chords are hollow. According to an  
embodiment, the joint system includes a first access opening in a first hollow  
portion of the truss ~~end~~ chord proximate to a first end of a first truss chord and a  
20 second access opening in a second hollow portion of the truss chord proximate to a  
second end of a second truss chord. The joint system further includes a first end  
plug with an aperture at the first end of the first truss chord and a second end plug  
with an aperture at the second end of the second truss chord. The joint system  
further includes a fastener extending through the aperture of the first end plug and  
25 into the aperture of the second end plug.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 20 as follows:

FIG. 9 shows that in some embodiments the connection points of the webs  
922 to the chords are offset in a manner to minimize truss stack height and volume  
30 (illustrated as 250 in FIG. 2). In some embodiments, the webs 922 are secured in  
orientations that are angled relative to the planes created by the adjacent chords or

the center-to-center lines ~~922~~ 994 connecting the center of the chords. Stack size is minimized when the attachment points of the webs 922 to the center ~~cord~~ chord 121 are shifted outward increasing region 995 and the attachment points for the other chords 119 and 120 are shifted inward increasing region 996. This assembly of web

5 members at irregular angles prevents interference of the webs 922 with the chords of adjacent truss spans as they form stacks (illustrated as 250 in FIG. 2).